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Senator Bourne's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:     The amendment is agreed to.     Call is raised.

CLERK:     Mr. President, I now have, Senator Bourne, AM1306.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:     Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE:     Thank you, Mr. President.     I'd like to withdraw the pending amendments.

CLERK:     All of them, Senator?

SENATOR BOURNE:     Yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:     The amendments are withdrawn.

CLERK:     Mr. President, I believe I have nothing further pending to the bill at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:     Debate on the advancement of LB 664? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:     Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had some legitimate questions about the bill and they were answered, but this bill did give me an opportunity to take a little time off the clock and I intend to do that with other bills. I never want my colleagues to be disappointed in me when I make a promise, and I will not put off until tomorrow what I can do today. Since we have additional bills, I will be dealing with them. I want Senator Maxwell to know that an amendment I have on his bill is legitimate, but he'll see that when we come to it, unless it's already on the gadget. But other than that, this bill is not of great concern to me, but I still have questions about it. I don't see the point of it. I don't see the sense in it. I don't see the need for Senator Bourne's amendment, but it's been adopted. If everything truly was voluntary the only rationale I can see is one that I read in a letter that somebody sent around saying that the threat of these various entities pooling will force these insurance carriers to